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PATENT

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In re application of:

For:

Kweeder, et al.

Application No.: 09/468,668 Filed: December 21, 1999

PRILLING METHOD

Group No.: 1761 Examiner: R. Madsen

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

- 2. This request is being submitted:
 - Prior to abandonment of the application

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. ∋∋ 1.8(a) and 1.10* (When using Express Mail, the Express Mail label number is *mandatory*;

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee:

770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

6. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) Three Month Extension	\$770.00 \$0.00 \$950.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$1720.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

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Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 502518.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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